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Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

March 10, 2016

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Under the authority of Maine statute 12 M.R.S.A., Chapter 607, Section 6172; the Commissioner has made the following classification change to Area No. 10, Saco River and Saco Bay (Biddeford, Saco, Old Orchard Beach): This notice combines Prohibited areas within Saco Bay (A.1. and A.2.) and reclassifies Biddeford Pool from Approved and Restricted to Conditionally Approved and Conditionally Restricted based on performance of the Biddeford Pool Wastewater Treatment Plant. This notice also reclassifies Hills Beach (Biddeford) from Restricted to Prohibited due to point source pollution from Wastewater Treatment Plant outfalls in the Saco River. All existing pollution and red tide/psp closures remain in effect.

The boundary descriptions of the area are as follows (struck text is being removed and underlined text is being added):

- A. Effective immediately, because of pollution, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters or mussels taken from the shores, flats and waters west of a line beginning at the end of Parcher Avenue at East Grand Avenue (Old Orchard Beach); then running southeast to the southwest tip of Stratton Island (Saco); then running southeast to buoy RW "WI"; then running southwest to the east tip of Wood Island (Biddeford); then running southwest to the east tip of East Point, Fletcher Neck (Biddeford), and continuing southwest to the south tip of South Point, Fletcher Neck (Biddeford); AND east of a line across the mouth of Biddeford Pool to the west end of Orcutt Blvd.
- B. Effective immediately, because of proximity to the Biddeford Pool WWTP outfall , it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters or mussels taken from the shores, flats and waters west of a line beginning at the tip of a point of land approximately 550 yards east of the end of Days Landing running southwest to a red painted post on a point of land approximately 150 yards east from the end of Winter Harbor Lane is classified Conditionally Restricted and will CLOSE during any malfunction of the Biddeford Pool WWTP. This area requires a special MEDMR permit. **Please refer to the Statewide Conditional Area Closure Notice on the DMR website:**
http://www.maine.gov/dmr/rm/public_health/closures/closedarea.htm for open/closed status.
- C. Effective immediately, because of proximity to the Biddeford Pool WWTP outfall , it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters or mussels west of a line across the mouth of Biddeford Pool to the west end of Orcutt Blvd; AND east of a line beginning at the tip of a point of land approximately 550 yards east of the end of Days Landing running southwest to a red painted post on a point of land approximately 150 yards east from the end of Winter Harbor Lane are classified Conditionally Approved and will CLOSE during any malfunction of the Biddeford Pool WWTP. **Please refer to the Statewide Conditional Area Closure Notice on the DMR website:**
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~~A. Effective immediately, because of pollution, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters or mussels taken from the shores, flats and waters of the following areas:~~

- ~~1. Saco Bay: west of a line beginning at the end of Parcher Avenue at East Grand Avenue (Old Orchard Beach); then running southeast to the southwest tip of Stratton Island (Saco); then running southeast to buoy RW "WI"; then running southwest to the east tip of Wood Island (Biddeford); then running northwest to the north tip of Ram Island (Saco); then running northwest to Fairhaven Avenue (Saco).~~
- ~~2. The Saco River, Saco Bay, and The Pool (Biddeford Pool): south and west of a line beginning at Fairhaven Avenue (Saco); then running east to the north tip of Ram Island (Saco); then running southeast to the east tip of Wood Island (Biddeford); then running southwest to the east tip of East Point, Fletcher Neck (Biddeford), and continuing southwest to the south tip of South Point, Fletcher Neck (Biddeford); AND north a line beginning at the southeast corner of the mouth of the Saco River; then running southeast to the south tip of Basket Island; then continuing southeast to Fort Hill and across the mouth of Biddeford Pool to the west end of the Lester B. Orcutt Blvd.~~

~~B. Effective immediately, because of pollution, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters or mussels taken from the shores, flats and waters of the following areas. These areas are classified as Restricted and harvesting requires a special MEDMR permit.~~

- ~~1. Hills Beach (Biddeford), South of a line beginning at the southeast corner of the mouth of the Saco River; then running southeast to the south tip of Basket Island; then continuing southeast to Fort Hill and across the mouth of Biddeford Pool to the west end of the Lester B. Orcutt Blvd.~~
- ~~2. Biddeford Pool (Biddeford), west of a line beginning at the tip of a point of land approximately 550 yards east of the end of Days Landing running south to a red painted post on a point of land approximately 150 yards east from the end of Winter Harbor Lane.~~

If you have questions, please contact Angel Ripley or Kohl Kanwit, Department of Marine Resources, 194 McKown Point Road, West Boothbay Harbor, Maine 04575-0008, Tel: (207) 633-9515 or (207) 633-9535, Email: angel.ripley@maine.gov or Kohl.Kanwit@maine.gov. During **weekends/holidays**, contact the appropriate State Police barracks: from New Hampshire border to Brunswick, barracks 1-800-228-0857; from Cushing/Boothbay to Lincolnville/Belfast area, barracks 1-800-452-4664; from Belfast to Canadian border, barracks 1-800-432-7381. This notice can be viewed on the Department's website at: http://www.maine.gov/dmr/rm/public_health/closures/closedarea.htm. This information is also recorded on our HOTLINE (207-624-7727 OR 1-800-232-4733).

Sincerely,



Alison Sirosis
Commissioner's Designee – Shellfish Growing Area Program Supervisor

8:50AM

(Effective Time)



Maine Department of Marine Resources

Pollution Area No. 10

Saco River and Saco Bay (Biddeford, Saco, Old Orchard Beach)

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